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## DEMOS IN 'SIT-DOWN' AS DEWEY TROOPERS BAR RENT-MARCHERS

### GOP Must Appear in Court Today

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**BARRED BY DEWEY:**  
Delegates who went to Albany yesterday to petition for more housing and rent relief were barred from the State Capitol by the Governor's armed troopers.

Shown above are some of the 900 New York City delegates from tenant, consumer, veterans, labor and civic groups who assembled at Grand Central yesterday morning for "Operation Housing." (See Back Page.)

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## WORLD EVENTS

# The Meaning of Marshall's Note

### AN EDITORIAL

Gen. Marshall's note to the Soviet Union leaves no room for any doubt that he intends to steer the foreign policy of the country in such a way as will not offend the Vandenberg-Hoover forces.

In officially approving the red-baiting tirades of a McKellar and the Acheson view that Soviet policy is "aggressive and expanding," the new Secretary of State encourages the enemies of American-Soviet cooperation.

And he chooses the eve of the crucial Moscow conference to do it.

The theory that the United

States is menaced by "Soviet expansion" is the gold brick which GOP brain-truster John Foster Dulles is peddling. It is the theory intended to replace the Roosevelt-Stalin agreements on which a postwar world of peace can be built.

Dulles never saw anything for America to worry about in the expansion of German fascism; but he is urging our country to model its policies on the junk left over by the Nazis—the "Soviet menace" bogaboo.

Armed with the falsehood of a mythical "Soviet expansion," it has been possible for our own

expansionists to propose the revival of German war potential, the establishment of far-flung military bases, and the ditching of the FDR-Stalin peace agreements. We have just bluntly informed the UN that we intend to seize unilateral control over the Japanese bases in the Pacific, disregarding our trusteeship pledges.

As to the goal of all this "stop Russia" propaganda on the eve of the Moscow Conference, we have the valuable confession of Sen. McKellar:

"I pray to God that we will never have an international atomic agreement."

McKellar's "Communist men-

ace" is seen as a plan to prevent any solution of the problems of world peace.

What began as the pet project of McKellar and the Power Trust which fears atomic TVA's, has flowered into an ugly incident impairing the work of peace settlements.

In praying for the defeat of atomic agreements, the McKellars, Dulles and Vandenberg are praying for strife, discord, and eventual atomic war of a kind too horrible to imagine.

The "get tough" politicians mistake the feeling of the people, and the true state of affairs in the

world. They can do much harm to peace, it is true. But they will meet with ever growing opposition from patriotic Americans of all creeds as the bankruptcy of the "get tough" program becomes more apparent.

Our country's real national interest lies along the FDR path of American-Soviet cooperation. This great truth, so slandered and persecuted today, will not have to wait too long for recognition.

The progressive forces of the country have the solemn duty of fighting for that recognition with all their patriotic might.

## Marshall Backs Acheson Slap at USSR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Secretary of State Gen. George C. Marshall yesterday upheld Under-Secretary Dean Acheson's slap at the Soviet Union's foreign policy as "an aggressive and expanding one." In a reply to Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's protest, Marshall called Acheson's remarks made before the Senate Atomic Energy Committee "restrained comment."

Marshall's note made it crystal clear the State Department would pursue an even "tougher" policy toward Russia than under James F. Byrnes—at least before the coming Moscow conference.

"You characterize the content of his (Acheson's) statement as a rude slander and hostile to the Soviet Union," Marshall told Molotov.

"Under our standards, a restrained comment on a matter of public policy is not a slander. Therefore I know, that on second thought you will not attribute hostility to frankness."

The U. S. note, backing Acheson's statement in response to Sen. McKellar's prodding, was made public at the same time Ambassador W. Bedell Smith handed it to Molotov.

During Acheson's testimony before the Senate committee, McKellar said that Russia "is reaching out" for more territory. He charged that if Russia had the atom bomb she would "take not only the remainder of Europe but perhaps the remainder of the world."

Acheson took McKellar's cue and said "I am quite aware . . . that Russian foreign policy is an aggressive and expanding one." That this was a direct attack at the Soviet Union was apparent when he

added that the United Nations is attempting "to find means for solving problems of that sort."

"The conduct of the Under-Secretary," Marshall's note stated, "cannot be described as inadmissible but rather in the line of duty."

Marshall made no comment about the meeting except to say the U. S.

proposal for a 40 year treaty with Russia, Britain and France is "still alive." Such a treaty would be substituted for the Potsdam denazification agreement. This proposal was originally made by Sen. Vandenberg and advanced by former Secretary of State James Byrnes, last year.

## Destroy A-Bomb Stocks, Gromyko Urges UN

By Helen Simon

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Soviet and Polish delegates to the UN Security Council today called for the destruction of all existing stockpiles of atomic weapons. Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko made

his well known stand formal in a series of written amendments to the interim report of the Atomic Energy Commission.

An international convention, he proposed, must provide "for destruction of stocks and manufacture of atomic weapons and of unfinished atomic weapons."

The Atomic Energy Commission's report, from which the Soviet delegation had abstained, only recommended measures "providing for disposal" of existing bomb stocks.

The Soviet amendments also would drop the Commission proposal that permanent members of the Security Council (the Big Five) agree not to use their veto right when some nation is charged with violating the atomic agreement.

Gromyko stressed that the Security Council—where unanimity of the Big Five is the rule—must be the parent body of organs administering the convention on prohibition of atomic and other weapons of mass destruction.

However, Gromyko found common ground with the American proposal, when he said the control and inspection bodies should make decisions "in appropriate cases by the majority."

Gromyko's proposal also recognized that "violations might be of so grave a character as to give rise to the inherent right of self-defense."

### NOT DISCUSSED

The Soviet amendments were not discussed today. The Council got wound up in the procedural question, whether it is proper to amend the interim report. U. S. delegate Warren Austin thought not.

Polish ambassador Jerzy Michalowski made the opening statement today. He warned that "suspicion has grown instead of confidence" because of the continued stockpiling of atomic bombs.

It is not a matter of giving away "the secret" of atomic weapons, but of destroying stockpiles, Michalowski said.



Londoners carry home cats in baby carriages in the fuel crisis.



### WORLD BRIEFS

## SEES NO MAJOR BRITISH BREAKDOWN

BRITISH food minister John Strachey told the press before flying to America that Britain did not face a major breakdown, but that the fuel crisis would affect the country's rations.

GEN. CLAY, U. S. commander said the report of the Allied Control Council for the Big Four Moscow meeting was about half finished.

THE DUTCH were disappointed because Princess Juliana's fourth child turned out to be a girl, according to United Press.

THE ITALIAN foreign office said an agreement would be signed today with Argentina for the emigration of thousands of Italian workers to Argentina. Italian Communists protested that provisions were not being made to protect the standards of those who migrate.

THE BIG FOUR foreign deputies discussed the number of men Austria may keep under arms, after agreeing that she may have an army.

## Britain Asks UN To Rap Albania

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Great Britain today asked the Security Council to find Albania guilty of having illegally laid mines in the Corfu Straits or of having allowed them to be laid.

Sir Alexander Cadogan charged the mines were laid recently in a swept channel essential to peaceful international shipping, and that this action violated international law and practice.

Albania's counter-charges, made or expected, were rejected by the British delegate.

## Bare Gimmicks In British Plea On Palestine

Great Britain will submit the Palestine problem to the United Nations "for recommendations" with the confession that its mandate is unworkable, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told yesterday the House of Commons.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the submission of the problem to the UN Assembly for its recommendation meant Britain would reserve the right to reject them if necessary.

Bevin said the full question probably would not be considered before the UN Assembly in September. It will not be submitted to the Security Council because the government does not consider it a menace to peace.

Meantime, he announced, Britain will maintain the present 1,500-a-month immigration quota.

## Chiang Asks to Sell UNRRA Aid on Black Mart

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (UP). — Chiang Kai-shek has asked the United States for permission to sell \$200,000,000 worth of UNRRA supplies on the Chinese black market, authoritative sources said today.

The request was made directly by Chiang and Premier T. V. Soong. UNRRA officials here described the proposal as both "alarming" and "objectionable"

and passed it on to the State Department for a ruling.

By conservative estimates at least 60 percent of all funds available to the Kuomintang government from any source are used to finance Chiang's all-out fight against the Communists. In addition, the proposal was directly contrary to UNRRA provisions which limit the use of UNRRA money to relief and rehabilitation of war victims.

It was pointed out that the request, if granted, would allow

China to use \$200,000,000 of the \$240,000,000 still due her and already earmarked for agricultural and industrial goods to be sold without restriction on the so-called "open market."

By this maneuver China could realize about \$500,000,000 in cash.

It was understood that the suggestion was made by Chiang and Soong over the weekend during the Nanking visit of Senior Deputy Director R. C. A. Jackson and Col. Fred Harris of UNRRA.

NANKING, Feb. 18 (UP).—

Marking the 13th anniversary of the beginning of the "New Life" movement, Chiang Kai-shek yesterday appealed to the Chinese nation to "have a responsible spirit, observe discipline, and order and abide by the law in order to build an orderly organized and progressive country."



## LABOR and the NATION



**Where Lynch Mob Ruled:** The cell in the Pickens, S. C., jail from which a lynch mob kidnaped Willie Earle, Negro prisoner, Monday. Earle's riddled body was found in Greenville County. Jailer Ed Gilstrap (above) said he offered no resistance to the mob of 35 men armed with shot-guns. Although none were masked he claims he didn't recognize any of the gang. There have been no arrests.

## Green Hits Bills Curbing Strike Right

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—American labor's crack batteries moved into position today to hurl facts and figures into the ranks of those who would destroy by legislation a movement made strong by united resistance under adversity.

AFL president William Green, as the first spokesman for labor before the Senate Labor Committee appeared in the crowded Senate caucus room flanked by the chief lieutenants of the AFL top command, including Sec. Treas. George Meany and AFL general counsel Joseph Padway.

Although Sen. Joseph H. Ball (R-Minn.) took most of the lashing from Green, Sen. Allen Ellender (D-La.) got verbal punches from the AFL leader when he exposed his own anti-labor position.

Basically, Green reaffirmed the position that there is nothing wrong with the labor movement that labor itself is not correcting. He deplored congressional hysteria against unions. He objected to compulsion and stressed the view that the right to strike must not be curtailed.

Chairman Robert A. Taft (R-O.) denied he planned jail terms for violators of the proposed laws and Green said that in jurisdictional disputes "men really think they are fighting for their jobs."

Ellender recalled he has heard Green "was thinking along the same lines as Truman's call for laws to stop secondary boycotts and jurisdictional disputes."

Green answered, "we deplore jurisdictional disputes and try to settle them as a fixed AFL policy. What I meant in my statement was to set

up a committee for an exhaustive study" of the problem.

Ellender pressed his question about Green agreeing with Truman and finally Green said, "I was misquoted on that."

Ball asked what Congress should do about jurisdictional strikes.

"We have appealed to our rivals," said Green, "to come home to the House of Labor. I see no way to correct the situation so long as rivals fight. How would you solve it?"

Smiling, with a happy thought, Ball said:

"Well, I think we could make it pretty expensive for 'em." He next took up boycotting CIO-made products by some AFL organizations, and Green inquired: "What can you do about that?"

"I think we can stop it," Ball answered.

Answering a query from Sen. George Aiken (R-Vt.), Green defended the drive of the AFL Teamsters organizing dairymen as beneficial to the dairy employees.

Sen. Irving Ives (R-NY) exclaimed, "The public demands we do something about this problem (jurisdictional strikes)."

On the subject of banning the closed shop (S.105 by Ball) Green brought laughter from the committee when he read a 1941 statement by Ball opposing a bill by Rep. Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) to bar the closed shop. At that time Ball said such action would cause chaos.

# House Votes 370 to 1 To Cite Gerhart Eisler

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Gerhart Eisler was cited for contempt of Congress today. He was cited because he insisted on making a 3-minute statement before he would take oath as a witness before the House un-American Committee on Feb. 6. The House voted

the citation 370 to 1. It goes automatically to Attorney General Tom C. Clark to be turned over to a Federal Grand Jury. Indictment and prosecution are expected to follow swiftly.

Vito Marcantonio (ALP-NY) was the sole member to vote "no."

"It is the beginning of a red scare that is marching toward fascism," Marcantonio told the House.

"It will operate against labor today, progressives tomorrow and then the liberals," he said. "It will trample ruthlessly over liberties of Americans just as it did in the past over the peoples of Germany and Italy."

(In New York, the Civil Rights Congress announced it would undertake the defense of Gerhart Eisler at the request of his wife.

(Miss Carol King, Eisler's attorney, said there was nothing surprising about the citation "in view of the hysteria whipped up by the Un-American Committee." She called his original arrest as an "enemy alien" wholly "unlawful.")

### POWELL ABSTAINS

Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Harlem Democrat, did not vote. He criticized the Un-American Committee for concentrating on Communists and ignoring the Columbians, the Ku Klux Klan and like groups.

Rep. Arthur G. Klein (D-NY) said he voted for the citation "reluctantly" and urged the committee to abstain from red baiting.

Only Marcantonio stood up to denounce the Reichstag Fire Trial atmosphere surrounding Eisler case and enveloping the House during the citation debate today.

"If you tear away the innuendoes, the opinions of personal enemies, and the propaganda of certain sections of the press, the record will show that not at any time did this man engage in activities calling for the overthrow of the government."

Marcantonio pointed out that Eisler was "a willing witness" but had been picked up and brought in as "a political prisoner" to give a wholly false impression already prepared by screaming press headlines.

### LYNCH METHODS

"The argument between Eisler and the Committee was one of procedure. This was not wilful contempt. The witness was ready to answer questions after he made a statement."

Marcantonio asked his colleagues to pause for a moment and examine the circumstances of Eisler's appearance before the Un-American Committee. He pointed out that committee chairman J. Parnell Thomas (R-NJ) had Eisler picked up in a manner inviting the lurid headlines that resulted.

"Under such conditions you can't blame the witness for his attitude," Marcantonio observed.

But there was something "far more important" than the "purely legal argument" about Eisler's right to make a three-minute statement — right the committee had granted freely to such witnesses as Gerald L. K. Smith, race-hate organizer, Marcantonio insisted.

"I refuse to unlearn the lessons of history. This is the beginning of a red scare. History has taught us that domestic fascism marches behind the red scare—against the rights of labor, progressives, and liberals. The red scare is a smoke-screen for Fascism, aimed at the

liberties of the American people."

The atmosphere of the House was indicated by heckling interruptions of Marcantonio. Rep. Rankin, moving spirit of the committee until recently, cut in to call for the "book" against Eisler.

Miss Carol King, attorney for Gerhart Eisler, and the Civil Rights Congress, indicated yesterday that they would fight the charges against Eisler as an attack on the civil liberties of the American people.

## CIO Picks Committee To Meet with AFL

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—A committee of five CIO leaders is ready to meet with AFL representatives to work out united action to defeat anti-labor bills, and to enter discussions looking toward complete

organizational unity, CIO president Philip Murray informed AFL president William Green in a letter released today.

Murray's letter, which he made public at the end of a full day's meeting of CIO vice-presidents, was in response to Green's communication Jan. 31 to the CIO.

The CIO committee includes Murray, and the following international union presidents: Walter Reuther, UAW; Albert Fitzgerald, UE; Emil Rieve, Textile; and Jacob Potofsky, Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

Murray told reporters it was "unthinkable" that the AFL could reject the CIO's reasonable proposal for common action in view of the "serious, difficult and extremely critical situations" faced by labor as a result of action in Congress.

In a prepared statement summing up the vice-president's meeting, Murray declared: "The dangers which confront the nation create a serious crisis which can and must be fought through the fullest mobilization of the people to protect the living standards and the continued enjoyment of democratic liberties."

He said the national officers and vice-presidents of the CIO feel that "the nation may well view with very serious concern the ominous character of the activities of the 80th Congress."

The CIO leaders are critical of Congress, Murray said, for the following actions:

1. In a period of critical housing shortage, Congress is directing attention to raising rent levels and lifting rent controls.

2. Despite agreement last year for civilian development of atomic energy, Congress has permitted harassment and attack upon David Lilienthal.

3. Disregarding the basic needs of the country, Congress is preparing general attacks on the labor movement through punitive legislation, and through witch-hunts conducted by the Parnell Thomas Un-American Committee.

The CIO will concentrate its efforts on "an intensive program of information and activity," so the people will have a full understanding of what is going on in Congress, Murray said.

Discussing the exchange of correspondence with the AFL, Murray stressed, in a conference with reporters, that "first things come first." Pending legislation is a matter of immediate concern and on the basis of common understanding achieved in united action in this field, labor can go forward to the more long-range questions involved in permanent unity, he said. The CIO has urged that the railroad brotherhoods be invited to join in the discussions, Murray pointed out.

## Charge Power Trust Seeks to Bar Lilienthal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Tactics by Sen. Kenneth McKellar (D-Tenn) and Senate Republicans against David E. Lilienthal were attacked today by Sen. Scott Lucas (D-Ill) as "a crude effort by reactionary forces to discredit a first-class public servant."

Lucas, at the hearing of the Senate Atomic Energy Committee, pleaded with his Senate colleagues to keep "narrow partisanship" out of the question of naming Lilienthal, chairman of the Federal Atomic Energy Commission.

Sens. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo) and Warren Magnuson (D-Wash) joined Lucas in supporting Lilienthal. They charged eastern power interests were responsible for the bitter fight against Lilienthal because of his advocacy of public power ownership.

Another boost for Lilienthal came from Sen. Francis J. Myers (D-Pa) who said his mail is running about 20 to one for confirmation.

Senate Democratic leader Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky scoffed at the communism charges.

In a statement pledging his vote to Lilienthal he said:

"The charge of communism seems to be wholly unfounded. It has become fashionable to accuse a man of being a Communist, or of having Communist leanings, if he entertains liberal or progressive views concerning government or society. By any such standard Jefferson, Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt would have been barred from public office."

A nationwide drive to back confirmation of Lilienthal was announced yesterday by the Progressive Citizens of America.

## Traffic Mystery Solved

By Alan Max

The mystery of the sad state of our highways has at last been cleared up.

The answer is to be found in "communistic intrigue," according to Congressman Paul Cunningham of Iowa.

"The evil plan of defeatism on the highways fits snugly into the Communist pattern aimed to spread chaos over the country," Rep. Cunningham says, according to the New York Times yesterday.

It is a good thing the truth is out at last.

Lenin once said that "there is no straight road to socialism." Evidently the crooked roads in many parts of our country are the result of Communist efforts to reach socialism faster.

It has long been a source of wonderment to traffic officials that roads which were originally planned as East-West highways, upon completion turned out to be West-East highways. It is all part of the chaos pattern.

Many of our highways also suffer at the curves from poor banking—evidently part of a plot to discredit our financial system.

It is reported that Rep. Cunningham made a thorough survey of our highways before coming to his startling conclusion. He is said to have devoted three months to a study of conditions on two square feet of road three miles outside of Dubuque, Iowa.

His friends say the Iowa Congressman consists of one part cunning and three parts ham.



# NEW YORK

## 88% Hiring Agencies Break Anti-Bias Law

A boss wants to hire a stenographer. He doesn't want a Negro, a Jew or a Catholic. But it's against the law to discriminate. He phones an employment agency. Almost any agency. "I want a white, Protestant steno," he says. His order is promptly filled.

The American Jewish Congress yesterday turned over to the State Committee Against Discrimination (SCAD) the results of two surveys it made. They showed that the Ives-Quinn Law barring discrimination in hiring is being violated more today than at any time since it went into effect in July, 1945.

AJC investigators telephoned 121 licensed white collar agencies in New York City. That's two-thirds of all the agencies in the field. They asked for white, Protestant help. One hundred and seven (88 percent) were glad to accept the order; only 14 refused.

"More significant," added Will Maslow, AJC official, "of the 107 agencies accepting the order, 22 specifically referred to the Ives-Quinn Law and were conscious that they were violating it."

### SECOND SURVEY

The second survey was an analysis of the discriminating job orders containing limitation such as "No Negroes" or "Christians

Only" received by the New York State Employment Service. The government employment service has refused to fill such requests since 1941.

"Yet in the six months ending Dec. 3, 1946," Maslow charged, "348 of such orders were received, as compared with 257 in the same period in 1945."

"In other words, despite the fact that the Ives-Quinn law has been in effect since July 1, 1945, the number of such orders is actually increasing. What is, most amazing is that these discriminating employers know or care so little about the Ives-Quinn law that they openly submit illegal orders to a government agency. Sixty-six of the 348 employers refused even to withdraw the dis-

criminatory specification, when advised by Employment Service personnel that such orders were illegal and could not be serviced.

"I submit that these two surveys should shatter our complacency about the automatic workings of the Ives-Quinn law. SCAD should hold a public hearing to evaluate the task before it as the first step in an aggressive, imaginative enforcement of the law."

"I am sending a copy of this letter to Benjamin Fielding, New York City Commissioner of Licenses, who is charged with the task of supervising licensed private employment agencies. Because it may be of interest to other civic groups, I am making it public," Maslow concluded.

## Poll Shows 80% West Side Tenants Want Rent Control

Eighty percent of the West Side tenants interviewed by the Young Progressive Citizens of America were insistent that federal controls be maintained without change, it was revealed yesterday.

The interviewers canvassed over 500 tenants in every economic group living on Central Park West, West End Avenue, Riverside Drive, Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues, from the 60th's to 110th St. The survey sought to determine tenant's attitudes on federal and state rent laws.

It was found that 19 percent agreed rent ceilings could be raised from five to 15 percent "if we receive repairs and improved services."

Only one percent agreed to removal of all controls.

The rental groups covered in the survey roughly fall into three groups. In the \$100 and up rental group, 163 tenants were canvassed; in the \$55 to \$99 group, 187 families were interviewed and the remaining 166 families lived in apartments renting below \$50.

The territory includes the finest

and the worst apartments in the city.

The Young Progressive Citizens of America who conducted the survey is affiliated to the West Side Tenant Mobilization, an organization fighting to maintain present rent controls.

The Mobilization is holding a neighborhood mass meeting this Friday night at the Transport Workers Union Hall, Theme of the meeting is "We Want No Disasters Here," meaning fire tragedies in the Columbus Hill and Hell's Kitchen areas. Speakers include Councilman Eugene Connolly and Benjamin Davis; Assemblyman McGivern; Housing Commissioner Robert Wagner, Jr., and Charles Collins, trade unionists.

On the question of state rent control law, the tenants attitudes were:

- 57 percent—Amend the law to hold the line on rents.
- 26 percent—Amend the law to put a definite ceiling on rents.
- 15 percent—Let the law stand as is.
- 2 percent—No answer.



SEN. ROBERT A. TAFT (R-O) tells newsmen his GOP policy committee had discussed paring \$4,500,000,000 from the budget instead of the 6 billion cut which is up for action in both Houses of Congress.

## Quill to Back Charge on ACTU

Michael J. Quill, president of the CIO Transport Workers, has offered to prove his charges that the Crown Heights "so-called labor school" has engaged in union disruption. The offer was made in reply to a letter from the school which asked Quill to back the charge made recently in Boston.

In a telephone conversation Monday night to union headquarters from the midwest, where he is on tour, Quill declared he was ready to "prove to the hilt" the charges against the school "and similar ACTU (Association of Catholic Trade Unionists) institutions."

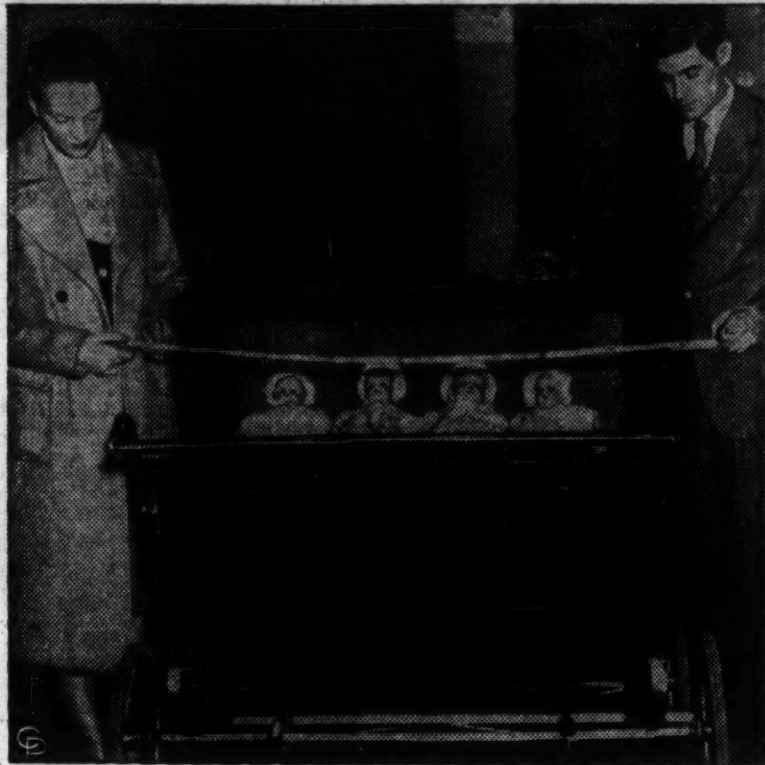
SLANDER CAMPAIGN Quill asserted these groups "have for years waged an unsuccessful campaign on disruption and slander against unions they chose as their special targets."

He said he was ready to substantiate his case before a committee appointed by Mayor O'Dwyer, as requested in the school's letter.

"At the same time," Quill said, "we will not permit anyone to bring the religious issues into our union, nor otherwise to split and divide our membership at a time when they need the greatest unity to meet the attacks of reaction in Congress and at the collective bargaining table."

"The Transport Workers Union is and will remain an organization for the defense and advancement of the wages and living conditions of its membership."

Recently, the ACTU paper, The Labor Leader, acclaimed the attempts of John L. Lewis' District 50 to raid the TWU.



**Baby Buggy, Four Times:** Above is the baby carriage to end all baby carriages, a special buggy built for the quadruplets of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henn. The rule they're holding across the carriage, occupied at the moment by four dolls, shows they'll have to widen the doors if they are to get the thing into their house in Baltimore.

## Election Violations in 2 ILG Locals Charged

Violations of democratic election procedure were charged yesterday as two locals of the AFL Ladies Garment Workers (ILGWU) prepared to ballot for officers today and tomorrow.

In Local 48, which votes today (Wednesday) Silvestro Ozzi, Rank and File candidate for manager, sent a letter of protest to the ILGWU general executive board. Ozzi charged that sample ballots had not been provided.

Five hundred sample ballots had been printed, Ozzi said, but until a late hour yesterday, the Rank and File had not received any.

### I WATCHER, 15 BOOTHS

Ozzi declared that the Rank and File had been denied sufficient watchers. Only one watcher was permitted his group for the Manhattan Center voting station, where 15 to 20 booths will be set up.

In Local 22, which ballots tomorrow (Thursday), the Rank and File candidate for manager, Isidore Weissberg charged the administration with violating the union constitution and with "improper arrangements for identification and control of voters on election day."

Weissberg released copies of a letter he had sent ILGWU president David Dubinsky, asking him to correct abuses by the administration of Charles S. Zimmerman, Local 22 manager.

Business agents were canvassing shops and instructing shop chairmen on how to vote, Weissberg reported. The ILGWU constitution prohibits officials from electioneering.

Weissberg said the administration's refusal to make ledger cards available to identify voters left "an opening for repeaters and padding of the vote."

Zimmerman failed to appear at a Rank and File rally of 1,000 Monday night, where he had been invited to debate the issues.

Rank and file representation in the important election objections committees has thus far been permitted in only one local—Local 38. ILGWU Dress Pressers Local 60 completed voting yesterday. Results have not yet been announced.

### LOCAL 22 SLATE

In addition to Weissberg, the Local 22 Rank and File slate includes: Executive Board Members: Aber, Dave; Brown, Dora; Chaikin, Sonia;

### Cutters Rank-File Meet Tomorrow

The Rank and File election campaign committee of Cutters Local 10, will hold a pre-nomination meeting tomorrow (Thursday) at 6 p.m. at the Malin Studios, 225 W. 46 St.

Chairman Arnold Ames said a report would be given on the campaign and the pending suit of the seven-cutters who were suspended as a result of the 1944 election campaign.

The local elections will be held on March 15.

Dubinsky, Anna; Fink, Louis; Friedman, Dave; Gerowitz, Jerry; Graffofsky, Ida; Katz, Mollie; Kolkin, Alex; Lichtenstein, Molly; Lupin, Abe; Mays, Minnie; Moreland, Catherine; Perea, Rosita; Sommergrad, Abe; Sweder, Morris; Weise, Myer.

Business Agents: Bregman, Mary; Carroll, Esther; Cossack, Louis; Golos, Fanny; Haber, Samuel; Levine, Evelyn; Migdal, Herman; Modell, Alex; Orenstein, Dave; Shlomo, Henry; Silverbrook, Nettie; Skolnick, Abe; Vlosky, Lena; Weiss, Beatrice.

Convention Delegates: Aber, Dave; Bregman, Mary; Chaikin, Sonia; Friedman, Dave; Golos, Fanny; Haber, Samuel; Kolkin, Alex; Levine, Evelyn; Lichtenstein, Mollie; Lupin, Abe; Migdal, Herman; Moreland, Catherine; Perea, Rosita; Silverbrook, Nettie; Skolnick, Abe; Sommergrad, Abe; Sweder, Morris; Weise, Myer; Weissberg, Isidore.

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# ACTU Secessionist Group Cries 'Uncle'

By George Morris

The Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, admitting defeat of its secession movement in a number of CIO unions, is now crying "uncle."

Both the Detroit and New York ACTU organs reached their readers yesterday with the advice to those who withdrew locals to find a way back and bore from within.

The Labor Leader, New York ACTU organ, referring to the secession movement started in Connecticut brass locals of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, says editorially, "we are inclined to think that the secession movement was a tactical mistake." The splitters are urged to move for "negotiations" to get back "if it is not too late."

The Wage Earner, Detroit ACTU organ, asks its adherents in Connecticut to "reconsider their secessionist move." The editorial commends the disrupters in the United

Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers for "staying in."

But there is no comment in the Wage Earner on the withdrawal of one UE ACTU-dominated local in New Jersey and the secession move now under way in Bridgeport, Connecticut's, large local in the General Electric plant.

Neither do either of the ACTU organs explain their support for secession moves that started but failed in the United Public Workers and United Furniture Workers. Nor is there comment on the current campaign by their followers in the Transport Workers Union of New York and American Communications Association for a shift to the AFL. Earlier issues of the Labor Leader endorsed editorially both the ACA and TWU secession forces.

The advice to splitters to retrace their steps comes as reports from the entire "secession front" show the disrupters on the defensive. The action of the gen-

eral executive board of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers taken Monday night is expected to quickly isolate the secessionists who hold local offices. Their posts were declared "vacant" and new elections were authorized to fill them.

Organizers of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers whom I talked to in Connecticut told me that the brass workers, for the first time since they were organized, are really aroused against the suspended leaders. Since 1942 they have been dominated by the machine of John J. Driscoll and deposed international board member John J. Mankowski.

An ACTU "iron curtain" virtually closed Connecticut to the international's officers. Democratic methods were hardly known to the members. Now the members are connecting their long neglected grievances on working conditions with the dictatorial abuse of district union power by Driscoll and Mankowski.

It is the rank and file that has been pressing for most vigorous action for a cleanup of secessionists and institution of democracy in the district's locals.

Monday's GEB meeting of the IUMMSW did just that. In addition to providing for replacement of secessionist officers, it was decided to call a Connecticut wage conference March 2 to rally the members for new contract negotiations.

An attempt by secessionists to spread their effort nationally also convinced the ACTU of the need for a "tactical" retreat. Local 525 of Dover, N. J., voted unanimously against withdrawal and Local 95 at Lengeloth, Pa., voted 119 to 17 against withdrawal.

Baltimore's Local 625 was put under an international administrator and a special committee after the officers engineered a phony meeting of 40 at which secession was voted. The local is rapidly being reorganized in ac-

cordance with wishes of a petition from the members.

Homer Wilson, international vice-president and administrator of the eastern district, described to his board the pattern of the splitters. They came forward with a "campaign" every time the union was in a critical struggle.

A red-baiting campaign against the international president Reid Robinson and his administration was initiated in 1942 just when a fight was begun to win the first contracts for the 17 newly-organized brass locals.

When the 1946 wage struggle began and brass workers were forced to engage in prolonged strikes, the splitters launched their campaign for a petition to recall Robinson as president. The current effort was timed for the very day that the union planned to hold its brass wage conference at Waterbury, Conn., preparatory for new contract negotiations.



**Victims of Train Crash:** Bodies of some of the 13 railroad workers killed when their bus was struck by a South Shore and South Ben electric train near Michigan City, Ind., lie strewn in a ditch near the scene of the crash. Body of bus (arrow) can be seen at extreme right. At left is the vehicle's wrecked chassis. Fourteen persons were injured in the crash. The dead included the driver of the bus, Glenn Morris.

## Greed at the Throttle

RAILROADS' PENNY-PINCHING BRINGS RISING DEATH TOLL

By Bernard Burton

A rash of train wrecks has been breaking out across the country from Connecticut to California. It reads like a battle diary. Feb. 14—The Orange Blossom Special jumps the track at Maxville, Fla., en route from New York to Miami. Twenty-five "ambulance cases" are rushed to Jacksonville, 22 miles away. A broken rail is blamed for the accident.

Feb. 15—A freight jumps the tracks at Stamford, Conn. Two workers of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad are injured.

Feb. 16—A Long Island Railroad train is derailed while carrying hundreds of Sunday visitors to the Kings Park State Hospital for the

insane. The engine and tender are flung into the air, falling broadside on the track. Total injured more than 50.

Feb. 18—At least 20 are killed when the Red Arrow expres of the Pennsylvania Railroad is derailed 10 miles west of Altoona, Pa. At latest count at least 117 were injured, 20 in serious condition.

### PROBES

Investigations are still proceeding on the West Coast disaster of Jan. 17, when seven passengers were killed and 70 injured. The Southern Pacific's Owl San Francisco passenger train jumped the track near Bakersfield, Calif. J. W. Corbett, general manager of the road, asserted that a broken rail was the cause of the crack-up.

While investigations into the causes of all the wrecks have not been completed, all signs point to inadequate maintenance and care of the road beds.

### LAYOFFS

Thus the "penny pinching policies" of the Southern Pacific railroad were blamed by an on-the-spot observer, Sid Partridge. Partridge, a railroader and union member for 20 years, declared that the road's cross-ties had been installed in 1923, 24 years ago. He said that the rails and ties "should have been retired long ago." He pointed out that since 1923 heavier and stronger rails have become necessary "to accommodate higher-speed and heavier traffic,"

Partridge emphasized that "obsolete rails are a continual threat to rail safety."

Rather than increasing personnel to maintain cars and roads in good condition, lines have been laying off workers. Three weeks ago the New York Central for example, laid off 7,500 maintenance of way workers. The job of these men is to keep the roads in repair.

At the same time a government spokesman disclosed that "the greatest volume of any peacetime year was handled by the railroads in 1946." An official of the American Association of Railroads, Warren C. Kendall, foresaw a continued high rate of "prospective traffic."

The roads came out of the war in the strongest position in their history. They emerged with \$3,000,000,000 in "liquid assets"—cash to use as they saw fit.

But little of this cash has so far been reported put into use for replacement and repair of obsolete equipment.

Railway workers have long demanded that the government step in and force improvements both for the public and the workers. At the moment, increased road traffic has benefited mainly the two banking houses of Kuhn, Loeb and J. P. Morgan, which control 81 percent of all the roads. It's time the unprecedented rail income benefited the public and the men who work the roads.

## CIO Teachers Assail School Ban on 'Paine'

The executive board of the CIO Teachers Union yesterday condemned the action of the Board of Superintendents in banning "Citizen Tom Paine" from school libraries.

The union pointed out that the book had been approved and "strongly recommended" in nationally recognized bibliographical guides such as the Standard Catalog for High School Libraries and the Fiction Catalog. The union cited the favorable recommendations of the National Education Association, the National Council of Teachers of English, and the National Council of Christians and Jews.

The union urged that the board adopt a policy by which a book would be judged on "its literary merit; its value as a document in its field; its contribution to the student's growth in understanding; in sensitivity and in citizenship; its

overall moral effect, and the wholesomeness of the author's intent. Books should be judged as a whole and in their total impact."

Representatives of the Teachers Union will appear before the Board of Education Feb. 26 to urge that the board reverse the action of the Board of Superintendents.

### Jersey Teachers Strike for Pay Rise

HAWTHORNE, N. J., Feb. 18.—Public schools were closed here today by a strike of 98 teachers in support of their demand for \$500 a year salary increase.

The strike, which gave 2,000 pupils an unscheduled holiday, was called after voters last night rejected a Board of Education budget providing for the increase.

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## OPERATION CANADA

By James S. Allen

CANADA SUFFERS from two great handicaps. It is located next to the United States, and it borders on the Arctic Circle. In the age of the American Atomic Century these are first-class misfortunes.

Canadian sovereignty is among the first victims of the atomic bomb. The joint-defense agreement between Canada and the United States would turn Canada into a military outpost of the United States. The atomic invasion that they are told threatens from the North is in reality taking place from the South.

To be sure, the invasion bears no resemblance to the lurid picture of an atomic foray from the North, as painted by our scare-mongers. The invasion is proceeding by peaceful means.

OVER A LONG period Canada's connection with the British Empire provided a certain balance against her powerful southern neighbor. While the economic and political influence of the United States expanded steadily during the past decades, it was only as a consequence of World War II that the shift of Canada into the American orbit was completed.

The defense pact, according to the New York Times more important than an ordinary military alliance, amounts to a Canadian declaration of independence from Britain and of dependence upon the United States. Battered and weakened by the war, and now fighting for her economic existence, Britain has had to accept this important step in the liquidation of her empire.

Even before the military alliance was forced upon her, Canada was becoming an economic adjunct of the United States. During the war the American corporate investment in Canada was greatly expanded, while the British were compelled to surrender over one-third of their Canadian capital. Today, the United States investment totals at least five billion dollars, as compared with one and one-half billion for the British.

THE RAPID GROWTH of monopoly in Canada during the war was largely an extension of the American trusts into that country. Plants employing over 500 workers, although averaging only one percent of all factories, em-

ployed 26 percent of all Canadian industrial workers in 1939. By 1942, the proportion had reached 46 percent.

Concentration increased mainly in industries where the American investment is greatest, such as auto, electrical equipment, chemical, machinery and non-ferrous metals (like aluminum). The native Canadian stake in these and other industries also increased. But Canadian resources and industry are today largely within the American corporate empire.

An atomic invasion in a more literal sense also occurred. Some excitement was recently occasioned by newspaper accounts of an atomic energy plant in Canada. Actually, this project is not new, and was known for a long time to the atomic overlords. It is an extension of the American atomic industry into Canada, along well-prepared cartel lines.

The Canadian mining, electric equipment and chemical trusts, themselves offshoots of American corporations, are as fully involved in the Canadian atomic project as are their parents in the American and British developments. The atomic cartel is controlled in the United States.

IF CANADA is to become a military outpost of the United States, just as it has already become an economic outpost, the Canadian people will not accept this role for long.

Canada's own development in recent years has been very swift. She no longer considers herself a small and defenseless nation, but prides herself as a medium power, ready to play a greater role in world affairs. Alongside the corporate giants, there has also taken place during the war an expansion of independent Canadian enterprise.

In her present position, there need be no necessity for Canada to accept American imperialist domination as a foregone result of Britain's weakness and as a necessity of the Anglo-American bloc. Premier Mackenzie King, long noted for his preference for the American corporations, is obviously only too willing to accept this new role. But the majority of Canadians, I suspect, think otherwise.



**In Search of Lost Gold:** The Lost Dutchman gold mine still lures treasure hunters. Mr. and Mrs. William J. Middaugh of Joplin, Mo., shown in Phoenix, Ariz. are starting with their pack burro on yet another hunt on well-named Superstition Mountain, 150 miles across the desert to the southeast. Back in the gold-rush days, the tale goes, a Dutch prospector got lost chasing a stray burro, found the rich lode, then lost it again. Maybe the Middaughs will turn loose and follow him.

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## Fight for Higher Wages and The People's Coalition

By Alexander Bittelman

(Third Article)

LABOR'S CURRENT MOVEMENTS for higher wages and against monopoly inflationary prices are of vital and crucial benefit not only to wage earners but to the middle classes as well. This fight for wage increases without price increases is a major part of the general resistance of the masses of the American people to the reactionary offensive of the monopolies upon the economic standards and democratic liberties of the people. Labor's fight for higher wages is therefore also a fight for the people's coalition.

And this is how the Party looks at it. Said Comrade Dennis in his report to the December meeting of the National Committee:

"The great progressive labor movement, headed by the CIO, as well as millions of AFL workers, who have evidenced a new militant fighting spirit in two rounds of post-war strike struggles, will resist the mounting attack of Big Capital and its GOP generalship, and will develop its own counter-offensive" (The People Against the Trusts, page 18, New Century Publishers).

The chief obstacle in the labor movement to the success of the wage movements is the reactionary reformist leadership of the AFL — Green — Wolf — Lewis — Hutcheson — Dubinsky — and their friends in the CIO. Against them the main fire must be directed. But in order to do so effectively, it is necessary to carry on an ideological and political enlightenment in the labor movement to meet and overcome the reformist illusions and weaknesses of some of the major forces in the left-center collaboration in the trade unions. And here, once more, we meet with tendencies to Right and Leftist opportunist deviations from the Party's line.

RIGHT OPPORTUNISM wants no ideological discussions with the non-Marxist forces in the progressive labor movement. It opposes, in fact, the advocacy of Socialism and a systematic Marxist criticism of the capitalist system in connection with the partial struggles of the workers in the trade unions. It completely underestimates the crucial importance of systematic criticism of the inconsistencies and weaknesses of some of the basic non-Marxist forces among the progressives—inconsistencies in the struggle for labor unity and against the divisive maneuvers of the red-baiters. Right opportunism demonstrates narrow "economist" conceptions of the wage movements, akin to

"pure and simple trade unionism," and does not fight for the major strategic aim of labor and the people—for labor's leadership in the anti-monopoly and anti-imperialist coalition.

On the other hand, Leftist opportunism underestimates completely the vital importance of the current wage movements from the standpoint both of protecting the economic standards of labor and the people and of building the power of the people's coalition headed by labor to check and defeat the reactionary and imperialist offensive of the monopolies.

Because all labor's gains under capitalism are only partial, temporary and unstable, Leftist opportunism discourages the struggle for higher wages and other partial demands, proposing to substitute for these struggles a "general" fight for Socialism. This means to abandon the fight against capitalist exploitation. It means for labor to surrender to the bosses and to accept meekly the reduced standard of living imposed by the monopolies. Why is this so? Because the prevailing objective conditions in the United States impose upon labor the strategic aim of rallying around itself all the democratic forces of the American people to defeat the reactionary offensive of the monopolies, and not the higher and more advanced aim of abolishing capitalism.

The victory of the people's coalition will mark an important and historic stage on the road to Socialism. By substituting a "general" struggle for Socialism for the real immediate strategic aim of labor, Leftist opportunism hurls the wage movements and obstructs labor's historic advance to Socialism.

LEFTIST OPPORTUNISM tends to disrupt the working collaboration between the Left and Center forces in the unions. This is done under the excuse of fighting (Continued on Page 8)

## WORTH REPEATING

Fadric Pearse, Irish revolutionary and poet, executed after the Easter Rising in 1916, wrote:  
And I say to my people's masters: Beware  
Beware of the thing that is coming, beware of the risen people,  
Who shall take what ye would not give. . . .

— Press Roundup —

## Sokolsky Puts Finger On Lilienthal

THE SUN'S George Sokolsky says Lilienthal "ought not to be confirmed" because he was a sponsor of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. Sokolsky evidently challenges Dorothy Thompson as to who is the No. 1 finger man (or lady) for spotting Communists and other dangerous advocates of human welfare.

THE TIMES' Arthur Krock says many senators will vote against Lilienthal "in the sincere belief that he has not and cannot overcome the intellectual and organic disregard of Congress which characterized the New Deal." So Krock does a macabre dance on Roosevelt's grave and blames the late President for all the trouble. Krock also intimates that if Lilienthal is not confirmed on that ground, the Senators will be punishing him for a fault, he probably has discarded.

PM's Max Lerner finds "there is a whopper of a parallel between the current fight over confirming the Lilienthal nomination, and the fight over confirming the nomination of another man, 30 years ago. His name was Louis D. Brandeis."

THE HERALD TRIBUNE complains, "with the Moscow meeting . . . now less than three weeks away . . . we appear to have not the faintest ideas of the proposals which our representatives should advance." The Trib believe only John Foster Dulles has done some good thinking on the subject. Dulles wants a western bloc, including western Germany directed against the USSR. Still, the Trib feels that Russian newspaper criticisms of Dulles' proposal "are no good omen for the Moscow meeting." However, it agrees "the obvious weakness of Mr. Dulles' effort was that it took account of every factor in the German problem except the one factor of more overwhelming importance than all the rest—that of Russo-Western relations."

THE POST'S Samuel Grafton reports from France and England that if a crisis comes "the Right can make better use of it than the Left." He says the Left is optimistic about preventing a crisis there.

THE DAILY MIRROR'S Drew Pearson charges "The political generals in the Pentagon Building . . . are determined to dominate selection of those who will sit on the civilian (atomic energy) commission."

THE DAILY NEWS blames the building workers, not the Rockefeller insurance companies, for the building tieup—where the insurance trusts demand an increase in the working day from seven hours to eight.

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN'S George Rothwell Brown suspects Senator Taft of harboring dangerous socialistic ideas. It cites, "his advocacy of Federal housing, and a modified socialized medicine, involving huge expenditures from the Treasury." Since Taft scuttled the housing bill which he joined in sponsoring, we think he'll get back to the good graces of the Hearst press.



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## Who Voted Right?

BY CITING Gerhart Eisler for contempt, the lower House of Congress revealed itself yesterday as scornful of democracy.

That is, with the lone exception of Vito Marcantonio. Ten years ago—on Jan. 6, 1937—the House passed the embargo on the Spanish Republic, again with the lone exception of a courageous Representative, John Bernard.



MARCANTONIO

History proved that Bernard—and not the rest of Congress—defended the true interests of our country. For if Republican Spain had been helped in its struggle against fascism, as the lone dissenter Bernard urged, Hitlerism would never have conquered Europe and plunged us all into war.

We cannot afford now, as we could not then, to wait for the justification of history. Eisler is being cited for contempt because he refused to testify before a committee that did not even let him make a three-minute statement protesting his illegal arrest two days before.

In joining the hue and cry against Eisler, the House is voting its approval of the effort to red-bait democracy and liberalism into silence.

It is displaying no more concern for the welfare of the country in this than it did in backing Franco indirectly ten years ago. Public opinion will not be long in seeing this and acting on it.



BERNARD

## Smearing the Lathers

WELL, here go the New York newspapers lying their heads off again.

This time it is in the case of the AFL lathers union strike against the two biggest insurance corporations in the world, Metropolitan Life and Equitable.

The big newspapers as one man follow the Wall Street "party line" that the unions is some sort of criminal wantonly tying up the vitally-needed housing construction.

Big photos picture strike-bound buildings, implying that it is labor which has been holding back America's vitally-needed housing.

The Daily News even warns the AFL unions that if they don't knuckle down to the insurance trust, the Big Money gang will refuse to build. In other words, Americans are supposed to get down on their knees to pray to some corporation to rescue them on the corporation's own terms.

The strike of the lathers is one of the very few and far-between strikes in the building industry.

The story that "strikes are delaying" housing is just a smokescreen for one of the biggest strikes in America today—the strike of the big banks, building firms and insurance companies against any housing, until they can get higher rents and pay lower wages.

## They Don't Count Labor

THE cynicism of chairman Fred A. Hartley, Jr., of the House Labor Committee matches only that of chairman Robert Taft of the Senate Labor Committee.

Both timed their announcement that anti-labor bills were agreed upon and virtually ready for passage with the conclusion of testimony of employers before their committees.

Labor's testimony which began yesterday doesn't count.

Hartley's seven-point bill and Taft's nine points are already being sold to the public as "mild" measures because they don't include outright abolition of union security or a ban on industry-wide bargaining.

An examination will show that employers would hardly desire much more if the proposed measure became law. They make up a neat pattern under which a union's effectiveness is seriously undermined; its freedom to call a strike is greatly curtailed and the doors are opened more widely to company unions.

They feel so arrogant because labor has not yet shown the vigor and the unity which even reactionaries respect. We are at the eleventh hour of the fight.

## CAROLINA SCENE



## Letters From Our Readers

### Tobacco Workers Appeal for Aid

Charleston, S.C.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

Local 15, FTA-CIO, started negotiations with the American Tobacco Company on February 12th. These negotiations are for a new contract and a substantial wage increase for 1500 Charleston workers.

Back in October we asked our friends to support us in the negotiations which were to begin in December, but due to disruptive tactics by a rival organization and the Company, we were forced to go to an election to prove our representation. This we did in an NLRB election held January 31st, in spite of intense opposition which stopped at nothing in an attempt to dissuade the workers from voting for Local 15.

The American Tobacco Company can be prevented from forcing us to strike, or accepting a sub-standard wage, if trade unionists and friends write the American Tobacco Company, Charleston Branch, Columbus and Drake Streets, Charleston, S.C., informing them that they are supporting us in our demands and that they expect them to meet with Local 15 and negotiate a contract with a decent wage increase to meet the high cost of living.

We feel that through a barrage of wires or letters from friends and trade unionists informing the Company that they are supporting us in our just demands, the Company will not delay or stall further in depriving the workers of a contract.

REUEL STANFIELD, Pres.,  
Local 15, FTA-CIO.

### Enjoyed the Lincoln Story

New York.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

I wish to tell you how much I enjoyed Rob Hall's story on Abraham Lincoln in the Feb. 12 Daily Worker.

It is our suggestion that this be reprinted in a little pamphlet and offered to the public. They cannot help but be impressed with the contrast of freedom and democracy, as expressed by this great man, and the fascist methods and character of the House Un-American Committee.

AN AMERICAN.

## Let's Face It

## A DANGEROUS IDEA

by Max Gordon

BY DECISION OF THE U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Illinois, it is libelous to call a man a Communist. Directed against Westbrook Pegler and the Hearst press, the decision may have a healthy effect in restraining a certain type of irresponsible red-baiting by the pro-fascist crowd.

The Court emphasized properly that Pegler and Hearst were caught in a noose of their own tying. It was they who by their vile falsehoods against the Communists had made it an act of defamation to call a man one.

Now, after insisting that Communists were somehow criminal, they found themselves in the peculiar position of arguing that it was not a libel to name someone a Communist.

Irrespective of the effects of the Illinois court decision, the idea behind it is a highly dangerous one. It says, in effect, that there is something anti-social about being a Communist.

This spurs the trend toward denying Communists the rights given to all other citizens, like the plan of the president of Michigan University to expel students who are Communists and the assault upon the right of Communists to work in government service.

UNFORTUNATELY, LIBERALS seem to have succumbed to this trend, too. For instance, I. F. Stone, in a series of PM articles on the dismissal by the War Department of five members of the CIO United Public Workers from the Aberdeen Proving Ground for being Communists, "exposed" the fact that they did not have a fair trial.

In what did the unfairness consist? According to Stone, they had no chance to "refute" charges that they were members of the Communist Party. The underlying idea here is similar to that in the Court decision.

Apparently, Stone figured the dismissals would be okay if it were properly proven the workers were Communists. And as if to lend point to this conclusion, Stone also accepted the myth of Communists as foreign agents in the Eisler case.

I DON'T WANT to make Stone the butt of this trend. He is, gen-

erally speaking, among the more advanced liberals in the country. But it is this that makes his position all the more disquieting.

If men like Stone have given up on that basic principle of Jeffersonian democracy—the right to advocate change of our governmental forms or social structure—the country is in a pretty dangerous spot.

This Jeffersonian principle is rooted in the Declaration of Independence. It permeates Jefferson's writings on the basis of a democratic order and has never been formally challenged in any legal act. It has, in fact, been affirmed by the Supreme Court in several recent decisions involving Communists.

Of course, reaction tries to weasel out by pulling the ancient gag about agents of a foreign power. They tried that on Jefferson, too. He, you will remember, was pilloried as an agent of the French Revolution after 1789.

JUST AS WE ARE called Bolsheviks, he and his followers were labelled Jacobins, after the radical petty bourgeois party that represented the left wing of the French Revolution. Just as we are called "reds," he was called a "redleg."

The motive is the same in both cases; namely, to secure the political power of the handful of economic masters who hope by this slander to prevent progress and to maintain their own position.

We need to re-assert today the right of Communists to function fully and equally with all other citizens in the political, economic and social life of the nation.

And not only do we have to re-assert it. It has to be demanded by all who want to retain democracy. For the masters of our present society, fearful of their ability to hold it together, are stabbing away at the vitals of the democratic process through the gaping hole left by the denial of the basic Jeffersonian principle that every American has the right to advocate a change in the structure of our society.

Jefferson also made it plain that those in power who deny that right are the instigators of force and violence.



## AYD Okayed by Colorado University Officials

BOULDER, Colo., Feb. 18.—American Youth for Democracy last night was okayed by University of Colorado authorities.

The group was authorized to continue its activities by a special committee on student organizations and social life, following a hearing in which the committee said it found no Communist activities in the campus chapter of A. Y. D.

The investigating committee at Colorado University told College President Robert L. Stearns that it had found no breach of its constitution or stated aims in the activities of the local group.

Dean Harry G. Carlson, acting

## CIO Paperworkers Grow 150 Percent

By Federated Press

CLEVELAND, Feb. 18.—A membership growth of more than 150 percent in the three years since it was chartered was reported by the CIO United Paperworkers which opened its first policy convention here Feb. 17.

The original 78 locals that formed the Paper Workers Organizing Committee Jan. 1, 1944 have grown to 147, the membership has increased some 150 percent and 200 contracts are now in force.

chairman of the investigating committee, said that investigation of the group was confined solely to its activities on the university campus.

"After reviewing the constitution and stated campus aims we recognize this group as a campus organization. The campus aims are to work for better housing for veterans and others who attend the University of Colorado; an increase in veterans' subsistence; an increase in the appropriations granted to the University of Colorado by the state legislation; the establishment of an efficient placement bureau for students desiring part time jobs; establishment of cooperative cafeterias on the campus; elimination of discrimination in Boulder because of race or color; establishment of greater facilities in the health center of the university.

"In analyzing this matter we have attempted to place it in proper perspective. In doing so we have come to the conclusion that the subject has so many ramifications that responsibilities involved extend beyond the province of this committee."

AYD President Jerry Goodman said the university action was entirely satisfactory with the organization.

"We have gained 15 members during the controversy and now have 65 members in the club," Goodman said.

## A Fighter with Know-How

By Louise Mitchell

Bending over the washroom sink, he could hear the character behind him say, "Get the hell out of here. God damn you."

He let it pass, thinking, what, again.

The gruff voice shouted, "Get out of here. God damn you n---r."

He turned around and faced two white men, one a passenger, the other, the conductor.

"You had better not try that," answered the Negro. The white man stood up as if to strike the colored man who dared to talk back.

"Don't curse me," he shouted at the white man. Turning to the conductor, he said, "I'll sue the company."

The character sat down; the conductor lowered his head. No other word was said.

Louis Burnham, executive secretary of the Southern Negro Youth Congress, then returned to his family in a Pullman compartment. He was just an hour away from Birmingham, Ala., after a trip to New York. For half an hour he seethed in anger, his wife and two children sitting by in quiet understanding.

When he got off the train, the character was threatening to bash the brains of the Negro porter unless he handled his luggage exclusively.

### HAPPENS EVERY TIME

"Such incidents happen on the train about every other time I travel," Burnham said yesterday in New York where he is on a fund-



LOUIS BURNHAM  
Fights Jimcrow

raising tour for the coming month.

Insults and threats are nothing new to him. It's no ordinary guy who goes down South after a Northern college education to fight inch by inch against the baseness of the polltaxers.

As an organizer of Negro youth, Burnham has earned the hate of the big and little bilboes but he is revered by thousands of Negro and white young people.

The Congress, which celebrates its 10th anniversary Feb. 21 in Birmingham, fights for everything Talmadge is against.

It is now engaged in a drive for 10,000 new members, planning a con-

ference of Georgia youth leaders around the Talmadge issue, and preparing to send a delegation to the international youth festival to be held in Prague this August.

### THE DANIELS CASE

Though the Congress does not concern itself primarily with civil cases, it is now working on the case of Willie Daniels. Willie Daniels is one of the numberless Negro victims about whom little is heard.

Just about Christmas time last year, in Westfield, a small mining town outside of Birmingham, William Daniels, 21-year-old Negro veteran, went to the commissary store of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co. to do some Christmas shopping. He left his young bride and a friend waiting outside.

In the overcrowded store, a white woman employee complained to the manager that Daniels has jostled her. Daniels, unaware of the incident, did his shopping and left. The manager meantime called the guard and the guard rushed out to Daniels. He asked him to step aside, which Daniels did.

The guard took out his gun and shot Daniels to death.

As a result of pressure from the Congress, a special grand jury is being called next week to look into the case. Arthur Shore, the only practicing Negro attorney in Alabama, is handling the case.

So if you want to know what is going on in the South, get Burnham to tell you, and help fill the Congress kitty to carry on his work.

## FIGHT FOR HIGHER WAGES AND THE PEOPLE'S COALITION

(Continued from Page 6)

ing reformism and Right opportunism. But this is nonsense. The Party's policy of supporting the left-center collaboration, which all enemies of labor, including the renegades, would like to see broken, is a major phase in the struggle for labor unity. This means we are supporting the collaboration, united action and alliance of all forces in the unions favoring labor unity with greater or lesser consistency.

This also means that the main danger of reformism in this period comes from the anti-unity reactionaries of the AFL and their friends in the CIO, and that against these the main struggle must be directed. By dispersing the attack, or by shifting it to some of the forces in the left-center collaboration, Leftist opportunism works against labor unity.

Does the Party policy mean that we agree with or approve the many and various reformist ideologies to which basic elements in the left-center collaboration adhere? Not at all. Nor does it mean passive acceptance of the many and serious inconsistencies of major elements in the left-center collaboration in the matter of struggle for united labor action and labor unity of certain capitulations to the red-baiting of the reactionaries.

It means, on the contrary, a systematic defense of the correct

Marxist positions against all brands of reformism, as well as a frank criticism of all inconsistencies and weaknesses.

But it also means that all these criticisms and ideological discussions are carried on with the aim of strengthening, not weakening, the left-center collaboration, of making it eventually the backbone of the unity of the American working class, of making labor the real leader of the American people against the reactionary offensive of the monopolies.

As on many other questions, the renegades grouped around the New Committee for Publications (NCP), supported by Dunn and Darcy, are deliberately stimulating Leftist opportunist tendencies in the labor movement, hitting labor from the "Left." They are spreading on the wage question a defeatist, anti-labor and anti-union program, which has a close affinity to the Trotskyite line of an "immediate" Socialist revolution in America instead of paying too much attention to wage struggles—a line calculated to bring into the labor movement provocations, confusions and disorientation.

THE RENEGADES ARE manufacturing fake "theories," peddled around as "Marxism." One of them is to the effect that there is not much use fighting for higher wages under capitalism because the bosses must seek to reduce wages, especially on the eve of a crisis due to the falling rate of profit, etc. This is a very convenient theory for the bosses.

As to Marxism, it is well known that Marx did not say that under all conditions and always the rate of profit must decrease. Marx discovered an economic law of capitalist development which governs the tendency towards a falling rate of profit, a tendency which the capitalist constantly seeks to counter-act.

As to actual results in the present situation, and as they relate to the present wage movements, the general rate of profit of American corporations during the war years has risen, and no declining trends have yet made their appearance.

The renegades have taken over the bourgeois vulgarization of Marxism which makes Marx say

that capitalism will automatically disappear when the rate of profit falls below the point of "profitability," because then capitalists will cease doing business. Partly based upon this capitalist version of "Marxism," the NCP renegades insist that instead of fighting for higher wages, labor better get ready for Socialism.

The renegades are also peddling another bourgeois theory. It is to the effect that there is an economic law according to which profits must not fall below a certain "minimum" and that wages must not rise above a certain "maximum."

Of course, there is no such economic law, as pointed out by Marx himself. The minimum limits of profits and the maximum limits of wages are determined in struggle between the workers and the bosses; they are determined "by the respective powers of the combatants" (Marx).

Marx never tired of insisting that the tendency of capitalist production to depress wages and labor standards does not mean that labor must passively accept this tendency of "things" in the system. On the contrary, only by resistance and struggle can labor achieve even a temporary improvement of conditions and also attain the strength and influence in the nation "for initiating any larger movement" (Marx).

And this is the basis for the Party policies in the wage movements. This is the theoretical basis for the Leninist teachings that in the daily struggle against capitalist exploitation, enlightened by Marxism, labor learns the need and the ways of struggle for Socialism.

The renegades are seeking to discredit one of labor's most effective approaches to the middle classes in the present wage movements. It is the idea that a sizeable wage increase immediately would substantially enlarge the capacities of the home market and thus tend to retard the rate of maturing of the coming cyclical economic crisis, barring a worsening of the world situation, and would soften the impact of the crisis upon the masses of the people. The renegades seek to discredit this idea, and Leftist

opportunism is influenced in this direction.

AND HERE IS THE reasoning: because cyclical crises are inevitable under capitalism, as established scientifically by Marx, "therefore" nothing can intervene to either hasten, modify or retard the course of the maturing of such crises. But this is obvious nonsense. The last world war has seriously modified the course of the economic cycle in the capitalist world. At the present time, the sabotage of the monopolies and their reactionary offensive upon the economic standards and democratic rights of the masses of the people are hastening the maturing of the coming economic crisis. These are facts.

On the other hand, when labor develops resistance to the attack of the monopolies, this definitely tends to have a retarding effect upon the rate of maturing of the economic crisis. And this development is of benefit not only to labor but also to the farmers, the city middle classes and to the Negro people. Thus labor's wage movements help to build the people's anti-monopoly coalition and labor's leadership in it.

That is why the Party combats both: the Right opportunist tendency to capitulate to the bourgeois "theory" that substantial wage increases and other partial measures will do away with economic crises under capitalism; and the Leftist opportunist tendency to negate this vital approach of labor to the middle classes, to deny that the success of labor's wage movements would tend to retard the maturing of the coming economic crisis.

(The next article will discuss the question "How Do We Fight for Socialism").

### Danville GE Workers Pick CIO Over AFL

Special to the Daily Worker

DANVILLE, Ill., Feb. 18.—Red-baiting was piled on thick by organizers of the AFL's International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, but when the votes were counted it was the CIO's United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers that won the General Electric plant here.

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**MORNING**  
11:00-WOR-News-Prescott Robinson  
•WNBC-Fred Waring Show  
WJZ-Breakfast With Breneman  
WCBS-Arthur Godfrey  
WQXR-News; Other People's Business-Alma Dettinger  
11:15-WOR-Tello-Test-Quiz  
11:30-WNBC-Jack Berch Show  
WOR-Easy Does It, Music  
WJZ-Hollywood Story-Sketch  
WCBS-Grand Slam, Musical Quiz  
WQXR-Musical Personalities  
11:45-WNBC-Lora Lawton-Sketch  
WOR-Talk-Victor Lindahl  
WJZ-Ted Malone-Talk  
WCBS-Rosemarie-Sketch

## AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC-News Reports  
WOR-Home Edition-News  
WJZ-Kenny Baker Show,  
WCBS-News; Kate Smith's Chat  
WQXR-News; Luncheon Concert  
12:15-WABC-Metropolitan News  
WOR-Checkerboard Jamboree  
WCBS-Aunt Jenny's Stories  
12:30-WNBC-Maggie McNellis  
WOR-News; So This Is Love  
WJZ-News; Talk-Nancy Craig  
WCBS-Helen Trent  
12:45-WNBC-Post Parade-Show Tunes  
WCBS-Our Gal Sunday  
1:00-WNBC-Mary Margaret McBride  
WOR-Better Half Matinee  
WJZ-H. R. Baukhage, News  
WCBS-Big Sister-Sketch  
•WQXR-News; Midday Symphony  
1:15-WJZ-Powers Charm School  
WCBS-Ma Perkins  
1:30-WOR-Listen Here, Ladies  
WCBS-Young Dr. Malone-Sketch  
WJZ-Galen Drake  
1:45-WNBC-Gov. Dwight Green of Illinois  
WOR-The Answer Man  
WCBS-Road of Life-Sketch  
2:00-WNBC-Today's Children-Sketch  
WOR-Daily Dilemmas  
WJZ-Kierman's Corner  
WCBS-Second Mrs. Burton  
WQXR-News; Program Favorites  
2:15-WNBC-Woman in White-Sketch  
WJZ-The Woman's Exchange  
WCBS-Perry Mason-Sketch  
2:30-WNBC-Masquerade-Sketch  
WOR-Queen for a Day  
WJZ-Bride and Groom  
WCBS-Lone Journey-Sketch  
WQXR-Curtain at 2:30  
2:45-WNBC-Light of the World-Sketch  
WCBS-Rose of My Dreams  
WQXR-Musical Memory Game  
WJZ-Ladies Be Seated  
3:00-WNBC-Life Can Be Beautiful  
WOR-Martha Deane Program  
WCBS-Bouquet for You  
WQXR-News; Opera House  
3:15-WNBC-Ma Perkins  
3:30-WNBC-Pepper Young's Family  
WOR-Rambling With Gambling  
WJZ-Pat Barnes-Talk  
WCBS-Winner Take All  
3:45-WNBC-Right to Happiness  
WJZ-Studio Tour  
4:00-WNBC-Backstage Wife  
WOR-Ask Dr. Eddy  
WJZ-Tommy Bartlett Show  
WCBS-House Party  
•WQXR-News; Symphonic Matinee  
4:15-WNBC-Stella Dallas-Sketch  
4:25-WNBC-News Reports  
4:30-WNBC-Lorenzo Jones-Sketch  
WOR-Uncle Don  
WJZ-Cliff Edwards, Songs  
WCBS-Hollywood Jackpot  
4:45-WNBC-Young Wilder Brown  
WOR-Buck Rogers-Sketch  
WJZ-Dick Tracy-Sketch  
5:00-WNBC-When a Girl Marries  
WOR-Hop Harrigan-Sketch  
WJZ-Terry and the Pirates  
WCBS-School of the Air  
WQXR-News; Today in Music  
5:15-WNBC-Portia Faces Life  
•WOR-Superman-Sketch  
WJZ-Sky King-Sketch  
WQXR-Latin American Rhythms  
5:30-WNBC-Just Plain Bill  
WOR-Captain Midnight  
WJZ-Jack Armstrong  
WCBS-Treasury Bandstand  
WQXR-Cocktail Time  
5:45-WNBC-Front Page Farrell  
WJZ-Tennessee Jed-Sketch  
WOR-Adventures of Tom Mix

## EVENING

6:00-WCBS-Eric Sevareid-News  
WJZ-Ted Husing's Bandstand  
WJZ-News; Joe Hazel, Sports  
WMCA-News; Miniature Revue,  
Music  
WNBC-Kenneth Banghart, News  
WNEW-News; Make Believe Ball-  
room  
WOR-George Putnam, News  
WQXR-News; Music to Remember  
6:15-WCBS-Word from the Country,  
Forum  
WJZ-Ethel and Albert, Play  
WMCA-Mr. Hollywood; Music  
WNBC-Serenade to America  
WOR-Bob Elson, Interviews  
6:25-WQXR-New York News  
6:30-WCBS-Red Barber, Sports  
WJZ-Allen Prescott, Comments  
WMCA-Racing Results  
WOR-Vandewater, News  
WQXR-Dinner Concert  
6:40-WNBC-Bill Stern  
6:45-WCBS-Robert Trout, News  
WJZ-Adrienne Ames, B'way News  
WJZ-The Fitzgeralds, Chatter  
WNBC-Lowell Thomas, News  
WOR-Stan Lomax  
7:00-WJZ-G. H. Combs, News  
•WCBS-Mystery of the Week, Play  
WJZ-Headline Edition  
WMCA-News; Hollywood Harmonies  
WNBC-Chesterfield Supper Club  
WOR-Fulton Lewis, News  
WQXR-News; Concert Stage  
7:15-WCBS-Jack Smith, Songs  
WJZ-Sports Final  
WJZ-Elmer Davis, News  
WNBC-World News  
WOR-Answer Man  
7:30-WJZ-Lone Ranger, Play  
•WCBS-Elly Queen, Mystery  
•WMCA-J. Raymond Walsh, Com-  
ments  
WNBC-Barry Wood, Songs  
WOR-The Listener Reports  
WQXR-Leon Barzin Orchestra  
7:45-WMCA-Musical Playhouse  
WNBC-H. V. Kaltenborn, News  
WNEW-Jeff Clark, News  
WOR-Bill Brandt, Sports  
8:00-WJZ-Lum 'n' Abner  
•WCBS-Jack Carson, Comedy  
WMCA-News; Report on UN  
WNBC-Cann You Top, Comedy  
WOR-Can You Top This? Comedy  
•WQXR-News; Symphony Hall

## Station WNYC

9:00-Masterwork Hour, American Music  
Festival Program of Mexican and  
Canadian Music  
9:55-News Summary  
10:00-Department of Health Series  
10:15-Musical Comedy Memories  
10:30-Women in the News, Helen  
Brockman  
10:45-Health Department, Nutrition  
News  
10:50-Music Time  
10:55-News Summary  
11:00-"At Your Command"  
11:30-BBC Radio Newsreel  
11:45-Music Time  
11:55-News Summary  
12:00-Midday Symphony, "Judges of the  
Secret Court," Overture by  
Berlioz  
12:55-News Summary  
1:00-Missing Person Alarms  
1:05-City News Summary  
1:15-Matinee in Rhythm on the Amer-  
ican Music Festival with Jack  
Lazare  
1:55-News Summary  
2:00-Official U. S. Weather Report  
2:05-Symphonic Matinee, Music of the  
Americas, American Music Festi-  
val  
3:30-American Music Festival Program  
of Lucile Anderson, composer and  
pianist  
3:55-News Summary  
4:00-Music of Jacques Wras with  
Sacha Wolos, Max Fleishman,  
Emanuel Vardi, Frank Miller,  
String Quartet-on American  
Music Festival Program  
4:55-News Summary  
5:00-American Music Festival Program,  
Works by A. W. Binder presented  
by YMHA School of Music  
5:30-American Song Composer, Russell  
White with Charles Danford,  
baritone

## New York Botanical Garden Series

5:55-News Summary  
6:00-"Behind the Scenes in Music."  
On the American Music Festival  
Program, Rehearsal of the Na-  
tional Orchestral Association.  
Leon Barzin, conductor  
6:45-Official U. S. Weather Report.  
USES "Help Want Ad Column of  
the Air"  
6:55-News Summary  
7:00-Masterwork Hour, American Music  
Festival, Music of Mexican and  
Canadian Composers  
7:55-News Summary  
8:00-American Artists on the American  
Music Festival Program  
8:30-Music of Carlos Chavez on the  
American Music Festival. Also  
Music of George Antheil  
9:00-American Society of Composers,  
Authors and Publishers on the  
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10:00-PM ONLY, The City Hour, Music  
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a few definite plans to quit while  
others were considering the possi-  
bility. It has been estimated that as  
many as 200 of St. Paul's 1,100  
teachers have been offered jobs in  
other communities.

The teachers, members of the  
American Federation of Teachers  
(AFL), won salary increases of about  
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# 'Tis Great to Be Young and a Dodger....

By Lester Rodney

There were no brass bands. Laraine Day wasn't around to kiss the boys goodbye. Not even Mr. Laraine Day, sometimes known in Flatbush as Leo Durocher, was in the advance group of Brooklyn Dodgers as they boarded an afternoon train at the Penn Terminal, headed for Miami, Havana, Panama and the National League pennant. . . . (The Worker, Feb. 16, page 13).

The overcoated group included those Dodgers who live in the immediate vicinity of New York, plus a bunch of bitter, protesting sportswriters forced to leave New York in February and spend a couple of months lolling in the sun.

Before the train left, we caught a little



RALPH BRANCA

chat with Ralph Branca, 21-year-old pitcher from Mt. Vernon on whose strong right arm rests some of the considerable optimism being engendered on the chances of the Ebbets Field entry superseding the St. Louis Cardinals as rulers of the National League.

Ralph is tall, 6-2, well set up, 200 lbs., and is one of the few big leaguers to make the jump right from college stardom, NYU, to the big leagues. Last spring he held out for what he thought he was worth, missed spring training and only began to see regular action towards season's end. His official record of 3-1 is not an accurate index to the regard in which he is held by baseball men, who consider him one of the rising young mound stars of the game.

"I should do a lot better this year," he said. "In spite of what some people say about spring training being unnecessary, I believe it is a great help if someone applies himself to really master-

ing and developing his stuff during the workouts. I have no complaints about salary—got a good raise as a matter of fact. And I'm in good shape. I played a lot of basketball during the offseason so I won't have to start gingerly bringing my legs into condition."

We recalled the afternoon last fall that marked Branca's big moment as a major leaguer. On that memorable Saturday, Ralph, who hadn't hurled a single complete game up to then, was assigned to start and pitch one ball to the St. Louis Card leadoff man. This was a piece of involved Durocher strategy aimed at sucking all the lefthanded St. Louis batters into the starting lineup against righthanded Ralph, and then replacing him with Lefty Vic Lombardi.

Well, Ralph smoked over a crisp called strike, and Durocher, with one hand ready to beckon in

Lombardi, paused to watch another pitch. The Card batter popped out feebly, Durocher dropped his hand a little lower and when the game had ended Branca had overpowered the Cards with a three hit shutout, fanning nine batters en route.

"That was the day I got my confidence back," he smiled reminiscently, "I hadn't been right up to then though I thought I had stuff, and I was pressing. Maybe if I knew before the game I was going to pitch the whole game I would have kept pressing, but I don't know, this way I just burned them in loose and after the first batter when I got the go ahead signal I just felt there was no good reason not to keep on top of all the batters that way." And so he did.

As for the team's 1947 prospects. . . .

"I think we should be better than last year, don't you? With Reiser in shape all year we would have won it last time. He's a wonderful ball player."

"Robinson? No I never saw him play but will be looking forward to seeing him. From what I've heard ballplayers say who have seen him play, he's the kind of player a pitcher would love to have on his side than against him."

"Let's go Ralph," called Hank Behrman, young relief pitcher from Maspeth, L.I., as traintime drew near.

Branca picked up his valise, struggled with a thought for a moment, then got it. "You know," he said intently, suddenly looking very young, "It's still a tremendous bang to know you're starting out for a big league season . . . one of the Dodgers. . . ."

## In this corner

As Tami Worked Out At Stillman's

By Bill Mardo

YOU'D A THUNK Joe Louis was going to work out, the way Stillman's sagged beneath the load of a full house yesterday. But if the champ was in Chile and not at the conditioning quarters at 55th Street and 8th Avenue, at least the guy who last fought him was there. Yes, Tami Mauriello, resplendent in orange-striped jersey and tights to match. The beefy Bronxite was, as usual, surrounded by a host of looker-ons as he sent the little bag spinning jerkily on its moorings. Spotting Tami in a gym when he wasn't scheduled for any immediate fight was rather shocking to say the least. It's the last place in the world one finds the happy-go-lucky battler when he isn't on assignment.

Freddie Schott, the gigantic muscle-bound heavy must've been partly responsible for Tami's sudden interest in homework, for 'twas the third-rate Schott who two weeks ago belted Tami to the canvas for a Newark nine-count and came within a whisker of taking the decision. That needlessly rugged scrap must have convinced Mauriello that it's him for the gym and setting up exercises lest some rookie who moves a little faster than Schott comes along one night and makes a monkey out of him.

He's a colorful kid, is Tami, full of laughs and a real crowd pleaser even when he's lopping off lard in the gym. Tami would hit the bag a few times yesterday, stop to kibitz, go back to his none too rhythmic tapping, step back again, loosen up his arms by whirling them around in mid-air and while so doing innocently catch tiny Maxie Shapiro behind the ear with a half swing.

And while watching him, the writer couldn't help contrasting his easy mood with that of a different Tami Mauriello on a cloudy night at Yankee Stadium some months ago. A Tami Mauriello pale, nervous and jumpy, big beads of sweat trickling down his face as he jogged up and down in his corner while waiting for Joe Louis to walk out of the dim darkness of the Stadium dugout and enter the ring.

Those short minutes that Joe kept him waiting were the longest and loneliest Tami ever experienced. The pained expression on his face was awful to see as he turned in his corner to look over the sea of faces in the working press. Tami, who on other fight nights always had a loud hello from the ring for each of the scribes, a wide, easy grin and a flourishing wave of the hand, was like a blind man that night he waited for Louis. Tami didn't smile, he didn't say a word, he just hopped up and down and the sweat lined his face like a wet sponge. He was frightened, as frightened as the usually fearless and fight-loving Tami could ever be.

Say what you will of all that wise talk about Joe Louis having his fights won before he even steps into the ring, but the simple truth is Joe has a psychological effect upon his opponents that is unparalleled in ring history. The bravest and cockiest of battlers, like Tami or Conn of last June, freeze up into semi-paralysis as the seconds approach when they must inevitably walk out to the center of the ring, tip gloves with Louis, and then face that rain of balled lightning.

SO THAT'S what we couldn't help musing upon yesterday in Stillman's gym, as Tami Mauriello jocularly went about his chores on the second floor. And as we left the Bronx Blockbuster, a short well-built kid with flaming red hair edged by us and headed for the showers. His name is Joey D'Amato, an extremely good welterweight seen several times on Garden prelims. He comes out of Ohio and is part of Frankie Jacob's stable of fighters along with another good-looking kid by the name of Tony Janiro.

Which reminded us why we went to Stillman's in the first place. And why the gym was jammed to the walls. It was because of the fellow whom Janiro fights Friday night at the Garden.

You know . . . Beau Jack.



TAMI MAURIELLO

## Labor Sport Bill Hums Into High

The Labor Sports Federation basketball tourney, keynoting a growing program, resumes tonight with a pair of double-headers. Over in Brooklyn Tech High School at 6:30 the unbeaten Fur Floor 125 team takes on the Railway Mail quintet and is favored to stay unbeaten. All eyes will be on the sensational Robinson, league-leading scorer with 111 points.

In the second game at Brooklyn Gimbel's and University UE each try for their second win of the season.

At Seward Park High Local 830, still looking for its first victory, tackles Furriers JC "B," while Macy's takes on the up and coming Emerson UE team, which now has won four and lost two.

CHESS AND CHECKER tourney starts Feb. 22. Trade unionists interested either as three-men teams or individuals can still get in. A chess club will be formed from this tournament.

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL meeting will be tomorrow night at 7 sharp at Cooks Local 89, 981 Eighth Ave., between 57 and 58 Sts. This meeting will outline and decide upon all procedure for this major activity. All those who want to participate in the LSF leagues are asked to send representatives.

### FOLK DANCING STARTS

Widening its scope, the LSF, in cooperation with Nature Friends, one of its affiliates, starts a folk dance class tomorrow night (Thurs-

## Harris Sweats Yankees Early

SAN JUAN, P. R., Feb. 18.—A Yankee attack taking into account the lessening of blasting power on the team began to take shape here under the Puerto Rico sun as Bucky Harris drilled the boys on bunting.

Veteran and rookie alike had to keep laying 'em down until Bucky was satisfied. "Lots of games are lost for want of a decent bunt," the new manager said. "And we're going to work on that right now from the start."

As to the potentialities of several of his pitchers, Bucky said he figured Allie Reynolds, acquired from Cleveland in the Joe Gordon drill, would surprise a lot of people. "He's been a later starter up to now," he said, "poor in the spring and hot in the fall. If we work him enough now maybe he'll start hot."

It looks like lots of work for all the Yanks—except the biggest Yank of them all—Joe DiMaggio, whose heel operation has not come around fast enough to permit him to train for weeks.

day) in the spacious 10th floor gym at Central Needle Trades High, 24th between 7th and 8th. The class, which promises to be lots of fun, is led by a topnotch instructor, Jimmy Giffre, a fellow with a loud voice and personality. He is former teacher and director of the Radischev Dance Group.

## Chileans Hail Louis

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 18 (UP).

—A crowd of fight fans, eager for a look at Joe Louis, blocked traffic yesterday in front of the Savoy Hotel and the world welterweight champion appeared on a balcony several times to greet his admirers.

Louis arrived by plane from Lima, Peru, and will meet Chilean heavyweight Arturo Godoy tomorrow night in the National Stadium here.

## Tonite's Events in NY

The Knickerbockers, bolstered by their latest Ivy acquisition, high-scoring And Brindley of Dartmouth, play Providence, featuring Ernie Calverly, at the 69th Regiment Armory. The visitors also have 7 foot 1 inch Elmore Morganthaler, ex-Boston College, and Hank Rosenstein, ex-Knick, who scored 25 last week vs. Phila.

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## Straightening Out That Court Picture

GO FIGURE IT OUT DEPT: Notre Dame trounced De Paul Monday night 80-45 and that's some trouncing. Last week DePaul beat Kentucky without too much trouble, and the week before that Kentucky walloped Notre Dame without drawing a deep breath!

The hottest team on the West Coast? Oregon State, which looked like nothing at all losing here to LIU. Since then the Staters are running wild, beating teams like Oregon by 30 points. And Oregon looked like the greatest team since the Original Celtics in blowing

### FOLLOW UP . . .

Remember the story (with exclusive details in the Daily Worker) on Duquesne cancelling its game with Tennessee because the latter wanted a guarantee that a freshman Negro substitute, Charles Cooper, wouldn't play? Well, since that night Cooper has improved steadily, is now a regular and second high scorer on the nation's only major undefeated team.

through NYU here in the Garden. In the Coast's Southern Division UCLA, which was beaten quite handily here by NYU, has emerged as top team after beating USC and California twice each. Don Barksdale, the great Negro athlete who looked good even in defeat here, has been tallying around 25 points a game.

In the Big 9 it looks like Wisconsin, practically all alone on top. In the Big Six it's Oklahoma, the team that nipped CCNY here. Oklahoma trounced Kansas and Nebraska by overwhelming scores.

On the non-league front Kentucky still rates tops with 24 and 2. Duquesne, which beat Valparaiso 63-39 Monday night at Pittsburgh, is gaining momentum towards an undefeated finish and a berth in the Garden tourney. Incidentally, if it's true as unofficially reported that Kentucky might not like to play in a tourney in which Negroes played, then Kentucky can forget all about tourneys. For UCLA is one sure bet in the NCAA tourney and Duquesne is a sure bet in the Invitation, not to mention the strong probability of CCNY



## BOOKS — FILMS — THE ARTS

## Music in Review

## Original Soviet Records

By Murray Chase

Compass Records, a New York firm, is doing a valuable service by importing original recordings manufactured in the USSR. While the technical level of these discs varies,



DONALD RICHARDS, young baritone who portrays the role of Woody Mahoney, the troubadour-hero of 'Finian's Rainbow' which will mark its 50th performance at the 46th Street Theatre on Saturday matinee, Feb. 22.

it is generally good. Much of the music is otherwise unavailable. These are far superior to previously available Soviet records which were "dubbed" from film sound tracks or re-recorded from old issues.

• Among operatic selections, Compass brings us a robust presentation of Shakhovitsky's *Aria*, from Moussorgsky's *Khovanshchina*, sung by A. Ivanof, accompanied by the State Symphony Orchestra (Compass 12732, 12733).

• Another interesting excerpt is the overture to Kabalevsky's *Colas Breugnot*, based on a novel by Romain Rolland. Two pleasant themes are handled colorfully. Performed by the Malecot Symphony Orchestra under Khalkin. (Compass—6587, 6588).

• Two selections from the instrumental section of the USSR imports by Compass are a two-side ten-inch recording of Tchaikovsky's *Barcarolle* played by David Flier, pianist, (Compass—10551, 10552) and a coupling of Sarasate's *Spanish Dance* and *Old Folks at Home* as arranged by Kreisler. The latter are played by David Oistrakh, violinist, who displays a clean, technique on the Spanish side and a lush tone in the Foster tune. (Compass—12457, 12458).

• Even casual listeners to jazz will find the White Russian State Jazz Orchestra's version of Handy's *St. Louis Blues* fun to listen to. It is stiff but comes close enough to the "hot" style to be interesting. There's a nice *Tango* on the reverse side. (Compass—1229, 12215).

• Two medleys of Russian folk-dance tunes, labeled *Kanaba* and *Russian Dance*, feature the instrumental group—balalaikas and accordians, mainly—of the USSR Ensemble. (Compass—9030, 9032).

• The choral section of the USSR Ensemble sings two songs labeled *Varangian*. The first is a robust tune called *Upwards, Comrades!*, as well as our Russian authority can make it out; the second is a plaintive tune about "rolling waves." (Compass 127, 131.)

Our *Guards* and *That Day Is Not Far* are two popular songs by Alexandrov and Novikov, respectively. They are sung in the accustomed healthful manner by the USSR Ensemble with Bahaev as soloist. (Compass—12918, 12921).

Compass also provides a rare treat for Chalapin-lovers in the coupling of Ekn Uknlem (*Song of the Volga Boatmen*) and the folksong *Oh, You, Vanla*. These are unaccompanied. (Compass 9273-9703).

The rendition of *There Is A Tavern in the Town* by the Alexandrov Chorus is interesting as a novelty. It is coupled with *Olive Skin Girl*. (Compass—12751, 12752).

Idea—assembled, of course, from dozens of other previously-exploited neat ideas... helped a lot by characterization and smart photography and direction.

*Irene Thirer*, Post: Static thriller... Rialto regulars acted as though they thought the entire proceedings were a little too gooc. As for us, there was too much footage devoted to Mardi Gras, moonlight and mooning.

Joe Pihodna, Herald-Tribune: An unhappy adventure... hops along for almost an hour and a half not proving much except that the wages of sin are truffles, grand apartments and de luxe train accommodations.

Wanda Hale, News: The players make the most of their roles and are often entertaining. Unfortunately, this MGM picture is long on talk and short on action.

## Stage for Action Scores With Three One-Act Plays

By Samuel Sillen

Don't miss, if you can help it, the three one-act plays that Stage for Action is offering these week-ends in a bright theater package entitled *Showcase for Action*. The plays are *You're Next* by Arthur Miller, *All Aboard* by Ben Bengal, and *Open Secret* by Bob Adler and George Bellak. They add up to an exciting evening of theatre, imaginative, firmly played, hard-hitting.



BEN BENGAL

I had a wonderful time at the performance last Sunday night, and I found myself wishing that these plays could get a nationwide audience. They belong in union halls and schools and community centers.

On a tiny stage with few props, the *Stage for Action* people are pacing most Broadway productions in vitality of ideas, enthusiasm, originality of treatment.

In *You're Next*, Arthur Miller, author of *All My Sons*, gets at the



Ella Fitzgerald, the noted "blues" singer, will perform at the *Vet Housing Hop* at the Savoy, 140 St. and Lenox Ave., Harlem, tonight, Wednesday. She will share the stage with such celebrities as Duke Ellington, Thelma Carpenter, The Ink Spots, Stump and Stumptit, Tip, Tap and Toe, Cootie Williams and others. The dance is sponsored by United Negro and Allied Veterans of America, Inc. (UNAVA).

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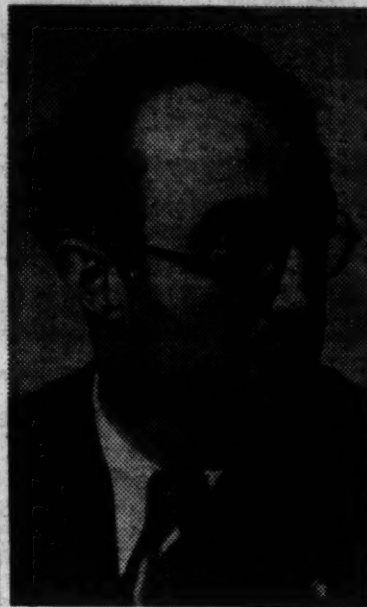
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meaning of the Rankin Committee (title as of last year) by showing us its effect in a small town. The local barber sides with the union men, PAC, and collects money for anti-fascist causes. The butcher next door is a reactionary and tries to blackmail him. In the conflict between the two, you get the clash between decency and red-baiting skulduggery.

And you feel that the effect on every average common-man audience would be the same: a good rousing cheer when barber Jerry Marble stands up for his rights. Because if you give in even an inch to the fascists, they've got you all the way, you're through as a human being. That lesson is simply, sharply etched here.

Just as timely and true, and even more effective dramatically, is *All Aboard* by Ben Bengal, author of *Plant in the Sun*. It deals with the fight against Jim-crow aboard a train in which GPs are returning home through the South. A Southern "gentleman" insists that the Negro vet and his wife be removed to the Jim-crow car. The white supremacist has a tough time of it. The action flares up into a tense and dramatic climax as an ex-cabby from

New York hits back and his buddy from the South falls into line.

In *Open Secret*, Bob Adler and George Bellak give us a grim, highly imaginative satire on the atom diplomats and brass hats who want to convert science into their private plaything. It's a warning to America that the atom-bomb monopolists, if they have their way, will only bring destruction on our own country. The play has a lot of sock, though I think it would be more effective if it were played more broadly as a satiric fantasy.

The three plays fall, I suppose, under the heading of what used to be called agit-prop theatre. But the trouble with many plays of this type is that they neither agitate nor propagandize simply because they are ineffective as theatre. They tend to be mere slogans or illustrations of slogans.

But here we have action plays on a high level, the level we need. They gain in political force as they gain in dramatic appeal. And it works the other way around too.

Excellent directed, played with real understanding, they cost little to produce. In fact the need to cut down on expenses leads to tighter writing, more ingenious direction. With all the effort and money that goes into making a Broadway production seem "real," rarely does one feel so much reality—a better word may be immediacy—as on this simple stage.

Here are the beginnings of a genuinely popular theatre. The *Stage for Action* people—composed of theatre workers in all the crafts—deserve congratulations for this achievement. Progressive organization, particularly the trade unions, will miss a useful service to themselves and their members if they fail to take advantage of these plays.

The next performance will take place Saturday and Sunday evening (Feb. 22 and 23) at the Theatre des Artists, 1 West 67th St. For tickets call Stage for Action at BRyant 9-1425.

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## Other Critics On 'Two Smart People'

T.M.P., Times: Except for a lively and colorful series of Mardi Gras sequences in New Orleans, which are introduced quite late in the picture, *Two Smart People* is an otherwise dreadfully boring hodgepodge about love and the confidence racket.

J. M. McManus, PM: It is a neat



## Democrat, ALP Solons In Albany Sitdown

By Max Gordon

ALBANY, Feb. 18.—Armed state troopers on orders of Governor Dewey ringed the State Capitol today barring 1,000 delegates of 174 organizations who came here to ask for housing and rent relief. Democratic and Laborite assemblymen and senators staged a sitdown strike and refused to participate in the work of the Legislature. They charged Dewey and his GOP lawmakers with "Talmadge and Hitlerite tactics."

The doors of the Capitol were guarded until the Legislature adjourned for the night and then were locked.

State Supreme Court Justice Harry E. Schirick granted a show court order, directing the GOP Legislature leaders to explain why the Capital doors should not be opened to the public. The order, returnable tomorrow morning, was asked by Ewart Guinier for the CIO United Public Workers.

In the Capitol, dozens of the husky troopers patrolled every entrance to the building, to the staircases and elevators, to the doors of both houses. They roamed the corridors, barred the way to several legislators, searched suitcases.

Several Democrats, protesting the action, said on the floor of the two chambers they felt as if they were in Nazi Germany when they entered the capitol. The feeling was shared by many others.

### MARCH TO CAPITOL

The thousand delegates 900 of them from New York and the rest from upstate, marched from the railroad station to the steps of the Capitol with banners and placards. They got there a little before noon.

Alfred K. Stern, Chairman of the Emergency Committee on Rent and Housing which sponsored the demonstration, told the assembled delegates they had "come to present in peaceful and orderly manner a constructive program to meet the critical emergency in housing and rent control."

While a delegation tried unsuccessfully to get through police lines, the rest of the gathering adjourned to Chancellors Hall across the street to hear from their legislators and to plan further action. Daniel Allen, City CIO Council political action director, presided.

Following addresses by a score of Democratic and Laborite assemblymen and senators, including Albany Senator Peter J. D'Allesandro, winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor, the delegates resolved to continue the fight for democracy and for housing.

A meeting of the emergency committee will plan further action in New York tomorrow.

### SOLONS STRIKE

In both houses of the legislature, the minority fought for two hours to rescind the ban. In the Assembly, they forced a vote on Speaker Heck's ruling but were licked on a straight party lineup 100 to 20. A few Republicans ducked out rather than break party ranks.

Basing themselves on the constitutional provision requiring the doors to be open to the public, they then refused to participate in the proceedings and warned the GOP leaders their actions may be thrown out as illegal.

The GOP passed the Governor's budget in both houses.

The Governor had announced earlier in the day he had called in the troopers at the request of the two GOP legislative leaders, Assembly Speaker Oswald D. Heck and Senate Majority Leader Benjamin Feinberg. The leaders themselves ordered that none but reporters and those connected with the Legislature were to be allowed in the Senate and Assembly cham-

## HECK BLAMES BAN ON OUR WHAT'S ON COLUMN—HECK!!

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, Feb. 18.—Speaker Oswald D. Heck stepped down from the rostrum for the first time in two years to defend his action in closing the Capitol to the housing delegation.

He based his defense on two items in the Daily Worker of Feb. 15. They were a sentence in an editorial on the results of last week's budget hearings which read, "Dewey has not yet felt the wrath of the people on the housing issue," and on two announcements in the "what's on" column of parties to finance a "youth pilgrimage" to Albany.

Neither item had the slightest reference to today's delegation, though Heck used them to "prove" the delegation was Communist-financed.

Democratic Assemblymen who had met constituents on the delegation protested against labeling them "Communists" and "rabble rousers."

More important, however, was Heck's implied position that Communists do not have the right to petition their legislators, that they are to be barred from the Capitol when they come to do so.

bers.

Everyone here was acutely aware that "Operation Storm-trooper," as one Democratic legislator dubbed it, was engineered by the Governor who was anxious to keep the delegation out of the chambers while his budget was being steam-rollered through, and the housing and rent control laws debated.

The order to show cause why the proceedings should not be declared unconstitutional was served on GOP leaders and legislative attendants.

Morris Zuckerman, Albany attorney and chairman of the county ALP, served as Guinier's counsel and witnessed the barring act.

The Dewey "bankers" budget continues the \$160,000,000 annual income and business tax cuts instituted last year, denies further increases for teachers and state employees, makes no provision for child care, ignores the demands of the municipalities for more state aid.

Democrats announced they planned to sponsor four amendments to the budget when legal debate takes place. These are:

- Increase in state aid to education by some \$75,000,000 to allow for teacher salary raises.
- Increase in per capita aid to

No Republican rose from his seat to defend Heck in the Assembly and none rose to support Sen. Benjamin Feinberg, Majority Leader, in the Upper House.

Lt. Gov. Joe R. Hanley, Senate presiding officer, took pains to make it clear he had nothing to do with the action. It was entirely Sen. Feinberg's responsibility, he said.

An anonymous memorandum was circulated in the press room listing Alfred K. Stern's alleged "Communist front" associations. From the type, reporters traced it to the offices of Gov. Dewey's press representative, James A. Hagerty.

Heck's speech implied bills directed against minority parties would have his backing.

"This constant 'association of major party with splinter parties is going to ruin the state," he said. "Let's get back to the two-party system."

He was loudly applauded by the GOP majority.

Bills designed to "get back to the two-party system" included the Brees and Banks measure to bar or hamper coalitions, and the Williamson bills to make it tough for independents to get on the ballot.

cities from the present \$6.75 to \$10 per head.

- Inclusion of \$2,500,000 for child care centers.
- Elimination of the \$500,000 item for the Department of Commerce.

Laborite Sen. Kenneth Sherbell said his party plans to sponsor a bill to jack up state employees' salaries \$2.50 a day and to rescind the \$160,000,000 tax cuts, the funds to go to the municipalities.

Despite lack of opposition participation, one budget bill actually was defeated in the Assembly. It would have given Gov. Dewey's budget director dictatorial power over all funds. It was opposed by Charles P. Sell, Dewey-appointed head of the Public Works Department. Local GOP heads fear it because it would put patronage more tightly under Dewey's control.

Two other bills, dealing with civil service salaries and overtime, were not acted on. They are still the subject of dickering between the Governor and civil service employees.

Democratic leaders Irwin Steingut and Elmer Quinn also appealed to Republicans to join them in getting through a \$300,000,000 housing fund and an increase in the housing subsidy from \$9,000,000 to \$18,000,000.

## AFL Metal Lathers End Strike

The two-day-old AFL Metal Lathers strike was ended last night with a temporary agreement reached at City Hall. The agreement provides for selection of an impartial chairman by a committee of five each from the Building Trades Employers Association and Lathers Local 46.

## C. of C. Says Communists Made FDR Policy

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The Chamber of Commerce's Committee on Socialism and Communism today issued its second anti-Communist, anti-progressive diatribe, this time charging that the Roosevelt foreign policy was formulated by Communists to aid the Soviet Union.

The committee's program of action calls for immediate removal of persons with progressive records from government employment.



by BARNARD RUBIN

**E**CONOMIC conditions are so bad in Manila that lawlessness is rampant and practically unchecked. In the middle-class and upper-bracket neighborhoods, homes are robbed every night—and some have been robbed twice a night.

The police there have so little control over the situation that most of these home-owners are employing private guards. It's a common sight to see a whole row of houses with private guards lolling in front of each. . . .

### TOWN TALK

The airlines are now installing special seats for babies. . . .

The 1-2-3 Club, owned by Roger Stearns (who hosts and plays piano there), Cole Porter and Margalo Gilmore, doing nice things. Each month the club will select a painting by an unknown young artist to exhibit on its premises. Artist will receive \$50 a month while exhibited. A plug for the artist will be printed on 1-2-3's current menu. . . .

Gregory Peck writing articles for Seventeen, the teen-age magazine. . . .

Burl Ives has just received an 80-pound police dog named Burl from a Chicago fan club. . . .

Faye and Elliott Roosevelt attracting crowds at the All My Sons show. . . .

Congratulations due at Edna and Henry Winston's. The national organization director of the Communist Party and his wife had their baby son last Friday. . . .

Dalton Trumbo has recorded his much-talked-about poem in the current Mainstream. The records will be available here soon. . . .

Paintings by Robert Gwathmey, Yasuo Kuniyoshi, and Ben Shahn will be displayed over the NBC Television network tomorrow at 9 p.m. They're part of the American Art collection purchased recently by the U.S. State Department for overseas showing. . . .

### REVIEW-ETTE: THE ICEMAN COMETH

When I get a chance to see a play by Eugene O'Neill, I walk into the theatre with hat in hand, not only literally, but figuratively. With me walks the knowledge of O'Neill's reputation as America's number one playwright, and the memory of the revolutions he has caused at times in the history of the American theatre. Just rattling off at random the names of some of his past efforts will remind you of O'Neill's historic achievements: "The Caribbean Plays," "The Great God Brown," "Desire Under the Elms," "The Hairy Ape," "Mourning Becomes Electra," "Emperor Jones," "Strange Interlude," etc.

And then, after a long absence from the theatre—in this age of Frigidaire—the "Iceman" came. For four hours I listened to O'Neill's dialogue at the Martin Beck Theatre waiting for that "Iceman" to come—and to get this over with quickly—I have seldom spent a more boring four hours in the theatre.

It was hard for me to believe that I was being bored by O'Neill. Hour after hour went by as I confidently repeated to myself, "Well, many a good play gets off to a slow start and any minute now the real O'Neill will begin to come through." But although the "Iceman" did, O'Neill didn't.

O'Neill's main theme is the futility of forcing man to face the reality of this ugly world and the necessity for man to hold on to, as he calls it, the "pipe dreams" of achieving an isolated happy little niche in this overwhelming vale of tears.

Now, if O'Neill had managed to achieve anything dramatically with this idea, it might be worthwhile to devote some time and space in discussing it. But the point is that O'Neill couldn't convince anybody of anything with his ineffectual "Iceman." The dialogue is dull, the action drags, the climaxes never climax and his characters never become characters. His character portrayals, as a matter of fact, are no more than a series of vaudeville acts of the type you may remember from the old days, or seen in the better burlesque shows of years ago.

There's the free-and-easy traveling salesman of the '20s (who finally does an about-face); the caricatures of the Wobblies (members of the old militant Industrial Workers of the World); the fancy-speaking Englishman down at the heels, and an old lovable souse of a saloon keeper and the familiar assortment of characters who sponge on him.

O'Neill does try to reveal what makes them tick, but after he does, they are less believable than they were in vaudeville days.

O'Neill has no one but himself to blame. The Theatre Guild gave him the best of everything. The acting of James Barton, Dudley Diggs, Carl Benton Reid and John Marriott rises far above the material given them. And Tom Pedi gives the audience its few moments of pleasure with his socko version of a bartender-pimp who refuses to face the fact he is a pimp. Add Eddie Dowling as director and Robert Edmond Jones as designer—and still O'Neill got nowhere.

The Guild did all right by O'Neill but O'Neill didn't do all right by the Guild—or by any of the many who were awaiting his return. . . .

### NEWSPAPER TALK

This column yesterday, through a slip-up, had Stepinac, the Yugoslav traitor, dead. He's currently in jail serving a prison term for treason. . . .

Luis Aragon's new novel is on the Duell, Sloan and Pearce list. . . . Alexander Werth's book The Year of Stalingrad being published by Knopf. . . .

Sam Putnam, who has left the progressive movement, seems to have left all his principles. His new book, I've just learned, will feature a defense of Ezra Pound, the American traitor who broadcast for Mussolini! . . .

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## House Denies Money to OPA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The House swung a double-edged axe on OPA today and Price Chief Max McCullough said promptly similar Senate action would result in collapse of rent control and sugar rationing by Friday. The House today refused to appropriate more money for OPA, but demanded, instead, that the agency return \$9,000,000 to the Treasury.